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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DAC REJECTION OF PANAM TIME SCHEDULES

A) RIO 2108 B) STATE 121576

SUMMARY. DAC HAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN ORAL APPROVAL FOR TIME SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED BY PANAM FOR 747 FLIGHTS. THIS ACTION, VOIDING DAC ATTEMPT IMPOSE LESS DESIRABLE SCHEDULE, ELIMINATES POTENTIAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED REF CABLES. DAC PROMISED PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AFTERNOON JUNE 11, BRIGADIER WALDYR VASCONCELLOS OF DAC CALLED CONGEN OFFICER TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT. VASCONCELLOS REPORTED THAT, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL (A), HE HAD RECONSIDERED ENTIRE QUESTION OF PANAM 747 OPERATIONS. AS A RESULT, HE WAS PREPARED AUTHORIZE PANAM TO MAINTAIN TIME SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED FOR NORTHBOUND OPERATIONS OF 747 FLIGHTS. IN ORDER TO STANDARDIZE TIME SCHEDULE, MOREOVER, HE WAS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE SOUTHBOUND ARRIVAL AT GALEAO FOR FIVE AM ON BOTH THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROPOSAL FOR SOUTHBOUND ARRIVALS WOULD CAUSE PANAM SOME DIFFICULTIES, BUT HE DEFENDED HIS POSITION ON BASIS THAT THIS DECISION WAS ESSENTIAL FOR REASONABLY EFFICIENT OPERATIONS AT GALEAO.

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2. CONGEN OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT REPLY TO

HIS DEMARCHE AND EXPRESSED APPROVAL AT DECISION TO RESTORE NORTH-BOUND TIME SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED BY PANAM. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FIVE AM ARRIVAL WOULD STILL POSE CONSIDERABLE HARDSHIP ON PANAM, BOTH IN TERMS OF CREW/AIRPLANE AVAILABILITIES AND IN TERMS OF COMPETITION WITH MORE REASONABLE ARRIVALS ALLOTTED TO VARIG. HE SUGGESTED THAT VASCONCELLOS DISCUSS ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL PANAM REP IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LATTER'S REACTION.

3. CONGEN OFFICER IMMEDIATELY PHONED PANAM REP TO ADVISE HIM OF DAC PROPOSAL AND TO ALERT HIM TO VASCONCELLOS'S IMMINENT TELEPHONE CALL. THE TWO OFFICIALS MET LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 11. LOCAL PANAM REP LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY, BUT STATED COMPANY COULD NOT BE EXPECTED ACCEPT PROPOSED MODIFICATION AS FINAL DECISION. MEETING ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY.

4. EARLY ON JUNE 12 LOCAL PANAM REP VISITED VARIG OFFICIALS. LATTER CONCURRED THAT NEITHER AIRLINE COULD AFFORD SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION. THEY AGREED TO CALL JOINTLY ON VASCONCELLOS TO RESOLVE ISSUE. MEETING WAS HELD AFTERNOON OF JULY 12. DURING DISCUSSIONS, AIRLINES PROMISED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE BEST POSSIBLE OPERATIONS AT AIRPORT. IN TURN, PANAM REP REPORTS, VASCONCELLOS ORALLY AUTHORIZED PANAM TO ADHERE TO TIME SCHEDULE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND. VASCONCELLOS PROMISED TO PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THIS DECISION.

5. COMMENT: RESOLUTION THIS ISSUE PORTENDS WELL FOR FUTURE RELATIONS AMONG PANAM, VARIG AND DAC. NEVERTHELESS, SIMULTANEOUS WIDE BODY OPERATIONS AT GALEAO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OCCUR OCCASIONALLY DESPITE BEST EFFORTS BY BOTH COMPANIES. ON SUCH OCCASIONS, CONFUSION, INEFFICIENCY AND PASSENGER FRUSTRATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REACH HIGH LEVELS. THIS SITUATION LIKELY TO PERSIST FOR SOME TIME, MOREOVER, SINCE NEW GALEAO TERMINAL MAY NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL MAY OR JUNE OF NEXT YEAR.

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